Statement

S.No.	Scheme proposed for the Year 1986-87	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Scheme of giving financial assistance to tribal candidates for various trades	50.00
2	Construction of bio-gas plants near Ashram schools . .	15.00
3	Replacement of thatched roofs of huts of tribals by tiles .	20.00
4	Monopoly procurement of dry grass in Jawhar, Mokhada and Dahanu talukas in Thane District	118.32
5	Scheme for preventive measures to control diseases like Scabies, Diarrhoea, etc.	23.70
6	Construction of Dharmashalas near Rural hospitals . .	39.00
7	Provision of Furniture and other equipment to the old Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres	39.15
8	Opening First-aid-Centres in Ashram Shala providing training to Ashram Shala teachers in Primary Health Care . .	3.00
	TOTAL	308.17

Assistance for supply of drinking water in the villages

2098. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise total number of villages in the country, which are without safe drinking water facilities at the moment; and

(b) what financial and other assistances have been given to the States, State-wise, to cope with the problem of drinking water during the period 1980-81 to 1985-86, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Statement-I showing the total number of problem villages in the country State-wise, which remained to be provided with safe drinking water facilities as on 31-12-86 is attached [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 90]

(b) The Central Government provides financial assistance to States under the Central Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Statement II showing the State-wise releases under the ARWSP for the period from 1980-81 to 1985-86 is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 91].

Rise in prices of edible oils

2099. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of rise in the prices of edible oils during the last six months and how does it compare with the percentage of rise in the prices of edible oils during the previous six months;

(b) the extent to which the imports of edible oils have contributed to the rise in the prices of the edible oils in the domestic market;

(c) the extent to which the rise in the prices of edible oils has reflected on the demand and its products stating the comparative rise in the prices of products as a consequence thereof; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to stabilise the prices of edible oils at a reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) A Statement showing percentage variation in prices of edible oils is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) Import of edible oils is made to check the rise in prices of edible oils in the domestic market.

(c) No information is available to indicate any effect on demand of edible oils due to its price rise. It is likely to have only a marginal impact on the prices of products.

(d) The measures taken by the Government to stabilise prices of edible oils at a reasonable level are as under:—

(i) All efforts are being made to increase the production of edible oils to achieve self-sufficiency.

(ii) States have been asked to take stringent measures against hoarders and speculators. Checking of Vanaspati units has been intensified.

(iii) Supply management of imported oils to public distribution system has been geared to check the rising trend in prices.

Statement

Percentage Variation in the whole sale price indicates of edible oils during the last Six months ending **21-2-1987** (*Between weeks-ending* **23-8-1986** *and* **21-2 1987**) *and the Previous Six months ending* **23-8-1986** (*Between weeks-ending* **22-2-1986** *and* **23-8-1986**)

	Percentage variation during the last six months ending 21-2-87	Percentage variation during the previous six months ending 23-8-86
	21-2-1987	23-8-1986
	23-8-1986	22-2-1986
Edible Oils	+4.3	+33.5
Vanaspati	+20.0	+7.9
Groundnut Oil	—9.4	+45.8
Mustard Oil	+14.6	+34.9
Coconut Oil	+29.0	+30.4
Gingelly Oil	+21.5	+26.2
Kardi Oil	—10.9	+54.9
Cottonseed Oil	—1.7	+46.9
Rice Bran Oil	—13.6	+30.4